THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) There is no relation between the redeployment of the Armed Forces and the decrease in the terrorists activities. The decision on strategic redeployment of the Armed Forces does not envisage any lowering of the vigil on the Line of Control and of Counter Insurgency Grid in Jammu and Kashmir.

Joint INDO-US Navy Patrols in Malacca Straits

1527. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Navy is carrying out patrols with the US Navy in Malacca Straits;

(b) if so, the objective of this patrolling;

(c) when was this patrolling started and for how long it is likely to continue; and

(d) the other details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Civil and Military Liaison Conference at AOC Centre, Hyderabad

1528. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Civil and Military Liaison Conference was held at AOC Centre, Hyderabad;

(b) whether a suggestion was made there that the representatives of the Army and Civil Officers at the district level should meet twice a year to sort out problems; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) According to the reports received from Army Headquarters, a